

I. Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product comprising first and second active ingredient-containing formulations for topical administration to the skin, hair or nails of a mammal ~~a patient~~, wherein said product includes storage means whereby said formulations are maintained separately prior to dispense, together with dispense means which permit said formulations to be dispensed from said storage means, characterised in that (i) an active ingredient in at least one of said formulations is contained within a polymeric delivery system and (ii) both of said formulations comprise water-based carrier bases having substantially the same lipophilicity.
2. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic ~~product as claimed in~~ according to Claim 1 wherein said formulations each comprise aqueous carrier bases.
3. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic ~~product as claimed in claim~~ 4 or ~~according to claim 2~~ wherein the polymeric delivery system is comprised of a plurality of crosslinked porous polymer particles forming a porous polymeric matrix in which is contained an active ingredient ~~an active ingredient in at least one of said formulations is contained within a Microsponge delivery system.~~

4. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to claim 3 ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3~~ wherein the dispense means are such as to permit dispense of the first formulation in a specific ratio to the second formulation ~~said formulations in controllable relative amounts.~~

5. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to claim 3 ~~as claimed in any preceding claim~~ wherein the storage means comprise side-by-side chambers each equipped with a dispense valve, said valves being operable by adjacently disposed actuators.

6. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 4~~ according to claim 3 wherein the storage means comprise a unit dose pouch having separate parts for each formulation.

7. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product ~~as claimed in any of the preceding claims~~ according to claim 3 wherein the dispense means are adapted to dispense said formulations separately.

8. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to claim 3 ~~as claimed in any of the preceding claims~~ wherein the first formulation is an aqueous topical cream or gel carrier base containing an antibacterial and/or keratolytic agent incorporated into a polymeric ~~(e.g. Microsponge)~~ delivery system and the second formulation is an aqueous carrier base having substantially the same lipophilicity as the first formulation and containing a topical antibiotic.

9. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to as ~~claimed in~~ claim 8 wherein said keratolytic agent is a retinoid.

10. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to as ~~claimed in~~ claim 9 wherein said the retinoid is selected from the group consisting of retinoic acid and adapalene.

11. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to as ~~claimed in~~ claim 8 wherein said the antibacterial agent is salicylic acid or an organic peroxide.

12. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to as ~~claimed in~~ claim 11 wherein said organic peroxide is benzoyl peroxide.

13. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to as ~~claimed in any of claims 8 to 12 wherein the~~ antibacterial and/or keratolytic agent incorporated into a polymeric delivery system is selected from the group consisting of retinoids, salicylic acid and organic peroxides and said the antibiotic is selected from the group consisting of erythromycin, clindamycin or a tetracycline.

14. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to as ~~claimed in~~ claim 13 wherein said the antibacterial and/or keratolytic agent is benzoyl peroxide and said the topical antibiotic is clindamycin.

15. (Canceled).

16. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to claim 3 ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7~~ which comprises as active ingredients an anti-fungal agent and a retinoid, at least one of which is incorporated into a polymeric (e.g. ~~Microsponge~~) delivery system.

17. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to as claimed in claim 16 wherein the anti-fungal agent is selected from the group consisting of undecilenic acid, miconazole, in the form of a (base or nitrate), ketoconazole, iconazole, clotrimazole and the retinoid is either retinol or retinoic acid.

18. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7 according to claim 3 which comprises as active ingredients a depigmenting agent (e.g. ~~hydroquinone~~) and a keratolytic agent (e.g. ~~salicylic acid~~), at least one of which is incorporated into a polymeric (e.g. ~~Microsponge~~) delivery system.

19. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to claim 3 ~~as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7~~ which comprises as active ingredients a depigmenting agent and a retinoid, at least one of which is incorporated into a polymeric (e.g. ~~Microsponge~~) delivery system.

20. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to as claimed in claim 19 which further comprises a corticosteroid, e.g. ~~hydrocortisone~~.

21. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7 claim 3 which comprises as active ingredients a corticosteroid (e.g. ~~hydrocortisone~~) and a retinoid (e.g. ~~retinol~~), at least one of which is incorporated into a polymeric (e.g. ~~Microsponge~~) delivery system.

22. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to claim 3 as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 7 which comprises as active ingredients a hair growth promoter (e.g. ~~minoxidil~~) and a retinoid (e.g. ~~retinol~~) or other keratolytic agent, at least one of which is incorporated into a polymeric (e.g. ~~Microsponge~~) delivery system.

23. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to claim 1 as claimed in any of the preceding claims wherein said first and second formulations have substantially the same water content.

24. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to as claimed in any of the preceding claims claim 1 wherein said first and second formulations have substantially the same viscosity.

25. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to claim 1 as claimed in any preceding claim comprising more than two active ingredient-containing formulations (~~first formulation, second formulation, third formulation, etc.~~) for topical administration to the skin, hair or nails of a mammal a patient, together with storage means whereby each of said formulations is separately maintained prior to dispense, wherein (i) an active ingredient in at least one of said formulations is contained within a polymeric delivery system comprised of a plurality of crosslinked porous polymer

particles forming a porous polymeric matrix in which is contained an active ingredient
and (ii) all of said formulations comprise water-based carrier bases having substantially the same lipophilicity.

26. (Currently amended.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to claim 3 as claimed in any preceding claim which comprises a dual or multi-chamber dispense system ~~provided with~~ having an actuator which causes dispense of said formulations from one or more ~~(preferably a plurality, e.g., 2) orifices, characterized in that said wherein the dispense system is further provided with~~ and a closure which (i) prevents depression of the said actuator or (ii) covers or seals the orifice(s) of the dispense system.

27. (Canceled.)

28. (Canceled.)

29. (New.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to claim 3 wherein the first and second active ingredient-containing formulations each has a viscosity of less than about 40,000 cps.

30. (New.) A pharmaceutical and/or cosmetic product according to claim 3 wherein the first and second active ingredient-containing formulations each has a viscosity of less than about 30,000 cps.